

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The City Of Augusta

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of “Central Savannah River Area’s Asthma Awareness Day”

WHEREAS, asthma has a significant impact among children in Georgia, affecting 1 in 10 (212,000 children), causing shortness of breath, coughing, wheezing, chest tightness and an inability to move air; and

WHEREAS, in the past year 75,000 Georgia children reported missing 470,000 days of school according to “The Georgia Epidemiology Report, Dec. 2003”; and

WHEREAS, 30% of children in Georgia do not receive regular asthma check-ups and 65% do not have a written asthma management plan and 17% do not have “control” medicines, putting them at risk for more attacks, missed school, and limiting activity; and

WHEREAS, asthma is the number one long term disease among children, affecting 6.3 million children and 14 million adults in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the cost of asthma is greater than \$12 billion annually, with direct costs > \$8 billion and lost earnings due to illness and death adding > \$5 billion; and

WHEREAS, with education and following a daily asthma management plan can keep asthma under control; and

WHEREAS, the CSRA’s Asthma Awareness Day is available to this community for the purpose of education about asthma and how to control it through; physician seminars, free pulmonary function screening, inhaler and peakflow demonstrations, pursed lip breathing, medication review and a daily asthma management plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim April 23, 2004, as “CSRA ASTHMA AWARENESS DAY” in Augusta, Georgia, and urge all citizens to recognize this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 23rd day of April 2004.

Mayor